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Minister



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Sullivan, Indiana



REV. JACK MASTERS, Minister

A Letter From Mr. Walter T. Brown



This is a copy of a letter written by Mr. Walter T. Brown, Bloomfield, Indiana. Mr. Brown was formerly Supt. of Greene County Schools and Supt. of Public Schools in Bloomfield. Mr. Brown is a writer and public speaker. A man very active in civic affairs.

This letter was written to Prof. R. B. Duff, the present Supt. of Public Schools in Bloomfield and the clerk of the Bloomfield Presbyterian Church Session.

Mr. Duff read the letter the night Rev. Masters was installed as Pastor of the Sullivan Presbyterian Church.

December 20, 1930.

My dear Mr. Duff:

AS the superintendent of the Methodist Sunday School and as a member of the Hi-Y and Boy Scout Councils and as the father of three sons I wish to bear this testimonial to the worth of the Rev. Jack Masters to this community for the four years and more he has labored among us.

And I am sure I am speaking not only my personal esteem but also that of the entire community.

He has thrown the weight of his influence and his attractive personality into every movement looking toward the upbuilding of this community and he has left an impress that is imperishable. He has labored unceasingly with every church without a trace of sectarian narrowness or bigotry, and no minister of the gospel in Bloomfield has ever been more popular or more dearly beloved.

He has exerted a magnetic influence upon the young life of the community and particularly has he been an inspiring leader of boys and young men who follow him with unbounded faith.

Young people as well as adults can and do familiarly call him "Jack" without cheapening him in their estimation or lessening his influence.

The entire community rejoices to know that he is advancing in his profession but regrets exceedingly to give him up.

I am confident you will understand that I am paying to you this tribute rather than cause him the natural embarrassment which such a tribute would cause if paid to him direct.

I am voicing the feeling of the entire community in wishing him Godspeed in his new field.

And I must not close without a word of tribute to his young wife—a beautiful woman in feature and in spirit.

Sincerely yours,

WALTER T. BROWN.

Pastoral Message to Friends and Church Members



Dear Friends:

THIS is the first time of which we have any knowledge that a book of this nature has been published and placed in the hands of Sullivan County Presbyterians, dealing with the inception and growth of Presbyterianism in the county of Sullivan.

Primarily we owe its existence to those whose advertisements are scattered throughout its pages. In appreciation for what they have done let us remember them sometime when we need the necessities which they sell.

We are glad also to have among our friends the business people who felt they could not at this time because of very good reasons, take space in this book.

Looking over the work of the past year, I am, as the minister of the Sullivan Church, greatly encouraged.

The success of a church can not be measured always by the membership. This first year has been spent well; spent in trying to get all of the present members interested in church attendance. This should, in my estimation, come before seeking new members. If the members themselves are not interested, happy and satisfied, it is almost an impossible task to interest and win others to the church. All who affiliated themselves with us last year are among the most faithful. It is better to have a few faithful than dozens who are indifferent to the needs of the church and who shirk their responsibilities as members.

The music during the last year has been most inspiring and helpful under the able leadership of Mary Elizabeth Crowder. We are proud of our proficient organist, Jeanette Billman Wernz. The choir and male quartette manifested a very beautiful spirit of co-operation in every way. The members and officials of the church have worked together for the good of the church, which I appreciate and am tremendously thankful.

This church will have quite a different program for 1932. The fulfilment of this program, I hope and pray, will be realized by the end of the year. It will be realized if everyone does his or her part. This is my desire.

Sincerely your friend and Minister,

REV. JACK MASTERS.

The Presbyterian Men's Club of Sullivan County

By Malcolm Campbell



THE Men's Sunday School class of the Sullivan Presbyterian Church hold their social meetings on the 1st Thursday night of each month. These meetings became so successful that its members wished to extend their enjoyments and social benefits to all the Presbyterian men of Sullivan County, and sent out invitations to all the men to be their guests at a banquet in the basement of the Presbyterian Church of Sullivan on February 5, 1931.

This meeting was largely attended and the county was well represented. It was then decided to organize what is now known as the Presbyterian Men's Club of Sullivan County. Rules and By-laws were drawn up and the officers for the year elected as follows: Joe Stratton, President; Harry Baldridge, Vice-President; Malcolm Campbell, Secretary and Treasurer. These meetings to be held quarterly the 1st Thursday night of the month and to alternate the meetings between Farmersburg and Sullivan.

The 1st meeting was held at Farmersburg on the evening of March 3, 1931, with an attendance of 60 or more: Farmersburg, Sullivan, Sugar Grove and Claybourne being well represented. A wonderful program was given and greatly appreciated by all.

The 2nd meeting was held at Sullivan on June 4, 1931, with a total enrollment of 118. Entertainment consisted of some wonderful music, furnished by two different quartettes and followed by addresses by Rev. Wilbur Durking of Greenwood, Indiana.

On October 1, 1931, the 3rd meeting again was held at Farmersburg with an attendance of 94, and the same spirit of good fellowship prevailed as in the previous meeting. We had as our guests, also, some Presbyterian men from Petersburg, Indiana, who saw the possibilities of such an organization in their own home county, and as a result, we received an invitation to Petersburg to the installation of the organization; and accepted. Their first meeting had an attendance of 125 and they, like we, have started an organization to further Presbyterianism in Pike County.

First Presbyterian Church

Sullivan, Indiana



	Appraised value
Church Building—One story brick and stone, slate roof	\$25,000.00
Church Parsonage—Two story frame, shingle roof	4,000.00
Parsonage garage—One-car, frame, fire-proof roof and floor	200.00
Total appraised value of church property	<hr/> \$29,200.00

Insurance Carried

On church building	\$12,000.00
On church furniture and fixtures	3,000.00
On parsonage	3,000.00
Total insurance carried on church property	<hr/> \$18,000.00

December 16, 1931.

W. C. Jamison, Trustee.

JOHN C. CHANEY,
Stated Clerk.

Presbyterianism In Sullivan County Indiana



COMPILED BY JOHN C. CHANEY

Truth is Indestructible—therefore Eternal.

Shall we not try to do our duty by the living—
that we may suitably remember the dead?

The Church of today exists by reason of the Church
of by-gone days—which is with us in history.

Presbyterianism was a material factor in the formation and the constitution of the Government of the United States of America. Presbyterians among the colonies prior to the Revolution took a bold stand against the King of England in all those measures out of which finally came the government of three grand divisions of Legislative, Executive and Judicial Departments,—a government of the people, by the people and for the people.

From the attenuated sea-board of the country to the Allegheny Mountains, the Presbyterian Church was the dominant intellectual and moral force of the new Dispensation of Government.

In 1775, at Mecklenburg County, North Carolina, Presbyterians evolved an original Declaration of Independence—and when the war for American Liberty broke, the King declared it to be a "Presbyterian Rebellion." Through the trails leading beyond the mountains, the Presbyterians led the way. In Pennsylvania the Presbyterian Church tarried long enough to form a church corporation and to secure a charter for its activities. Virginia gave over to the new government in 1787, the Northwest Territory, dedicating it to liberty and education—and the government put in charge thereof William Henry Harrison—a Presbyterian, who for fifty years served the Nation, the State of Indiana and incidentally the County of Sullivan, ending in the presidency. To Southern Indiana came citizens of Virginia, the Carolinas, Tennessee and Kentucky who cleared the way for civilization. These people composed the Tippecanoe Army which, in 1811, conquered the savage wilderness, and lifted the horizon of America. In that year Presbyterians began their immigration to the Wabash Valley where they established homes. They came into Sullivan County, and helped name the creeks, open the roads and cut away the forests. They helped lay out the townships and constituted their boundaries, and gave them their names. They set apart a school fund, and they worshipped God.

In 1816, the Reverend James Balch came to Sullivan County from Logan County, Kentucky, and established a church society on the right bank of Turman's Creek—held services wherever the people could get together,—in private homes, in barns, in groves, and visited the sick, married the young couples, and attended at the graves of the dead. Soon they built of poplar logs a church-house, and called it Hopewell Presbyterian Church where he labored many years; and when he died he was buried in the church yard. From the Wabash River Bluff his parishioners quarried and fashioned, by rude tools, a headstone upon which they carved with a cold-chisel, his name, the date of his birth and the date of his death. He died at the age of 70 years. This was prior to the day of Presbyteries or Synods. He was never installed as the people's pastor, for there was no installing authority. In the course of time the population established their church activities on the other side of Turman's creek, and there they established a cemetery, and built a second church of logs where they held forth until 1868, when they disbanded. The old missionary preacher in his lonely grave at the first location, was forgotten. The land where he lay changed hands and his grave and tombstone were all but obliterated. The Presbytery of Vincennes, in 1879, being advised of the plight of the body of this father in Israel, ordered the body to be removed to the cemetery at the new location of the Hopewell church, which was carried out, and a modern tombstone now stands at his grave. About 1830, the Hopewell church received Reverend James Crawford, who, accompanied by his mother, Mrs. Jane Crawford, conducted services for a number of years, and established a Sunday School which was superintended by the mother—probably the first Sunday School in Indiana.

Mrs. Jane Crawford was devoted to religion like unto women of the Old Testament scriptures, and possessed decision of character. She was a native of Kentucky, and came with her husband Thomas Crawford, to Madison, Indiana, where her husband died. She was free to join her son, James, to the Hopewell Church. While in Kentucky she submitted to a major surgical operation, which was performed prior to any medical knowledge of anesthetics, and under very doubtful prospects, which turned to such good account that she wholly recovered, and was able to serve her family and the church for many years after she came to Sullivan County. She lies in the Hopewell cemetery (now called Johnson Cemetery) near the grave of Mr. Balch.

As stated, the Hopewell church went out of existence in 1868. The remnants of the membership now joined the First Church at Sullivan, where they continued until 1871, when the Presbyterians living in and about Graysville, in Turman Township, formed a society when they joined the Graysville Church.

The Sullivan Church has now in its membership, Lydia Durham, recently baptised at the age of 4 years, who is of the 6th generation of the Hopewell Church.

The Graysville church society never had a large membership and the means of the members were limited, so that it could exist only through association with the Sullivan Church, but had a good Sunday School and a devoted membership. It suspended in 1909, resulting in quite a number of accessions to the church at Sullivan.

The Carlisle Church organized in 1819, by the Reverend Orin Fowler, a missionary Presbyterian from Connecticut, and continued to 1919, when it disbanded. It started with nine charter members—William and Mary McCrary, James Watson and wife, Martha and Rachel Porter, Mary Gould, Lydia Silliman and Ann Brodie. William McCrary was elected a Ruling Elder. Preachers from time to time came through the wilderness to preach, with designated authority from a Presbytery or Synod. In 1832, Reverend R. Hawley became a stated supply, who served one year. (more of Rev. Hawley, hereinafter). Reverend Hawley was succeeded by Rev. Alexander, who was followed by Rev. Calvin Butler, and he, in turn, by Rev. C. K. Thompson. In 1844, came Reverend M. G. Wallace, one year. In 1845, again Rev. Alexander. The first church building was erected in Carlisle in 1840-41, and dedicated on the first Sabbath in June, 1845, in the Reverend Calvin K. Thompson's time. These followed these ministers in the church: Reverends Barr, Beard, Tygart, Venable, Bovell and McFarland. The second church house was built in 1877, under the direction of Rev. Kyle, on ground donated in 1866, by J. K. O'Haver. In the church at this time were Elders William Collins, Isaac Shannon and Smith Greenfield. Subsequent pastors were Reverends William and Thomas Smith and Reverends Allen, Rodgers, Parrott, Wm. A. Cutler, McCraken and Whittaker.

In the history of Presbyterianism in the Wabash Valley, Mr. Ed Collins, 96 years old, Rural Route, Sandborn, Ind., a member of the Carlisle Church, has given to the historian of this sketch, a paper published in 1878, from the pen of Reverend R. Hawley, who for a year preached at Carlisle as stated in the Carlisle history. Reverend Hawley says:

"With a commission from the A.H.M. Society. I entered a stage at 4 A. M. at the gate of Auburn Seminary and set my face toward Indiana, October 8, 1828. At Buffalo I met my classmates Remington and Miller—the latter the Presbyterian minister there. At Sandusky, Ohio, I preached in a cabinet maker's shop—the people being assembled at the sound of a trumpet. I then took the stage for Cincinnati. On the way we passed through the Wyandotte Tribe of Indiana, and visited their school. At Cincinnati I first heard of Lane Seminary. Here I went by river to Madison, Indiana, where I was invited to the home of Governor Hendricks and

others. It was Indian Summer weather. In Madison I held a service where an Elder of the church stepped forward with his hymn book, and "parceled" out the lines of the hymn. I then received an invitation from Rev. Crowe of Hanover Academy fame to preach there. I then went to Washington, Daviess County, Indiana, where I arrived November 15. November 21, 1828, I attended the installation of Samuel R. Alexander over the Indiana church near Vincennes. It was then the Wabash Presbytery. The Indiana church had been organized in 1807, and was then the most western church in the United States, under the administration of Father Scott, who had been in that vicinity nearly half a century. At that time Calvin Butler was at Princeton, Father Martin at Livonia and Brother Hall at Bloomington. I preached in three counties—rode 240 miles a month—held church in groves, courthouses and schoolhouses. The Wabash Presbytery included Western Indiana, containing Indianapolis, Franklin, and the eastern part of Illinois. The Presbytery met in 1827 at Shoalcreek, Illinois, a distance of 180 miles—crossed the Wabash at Clinton, lost our way and stayed out all night; got horse feed at a cabin, but no food for ourselves. There were 64 churches in the Presbytery averaging less than 30 members. A Memorial on Slavery was introduced and passed at the Presbytery."

Mr. Hawley, in 1830, was made a commissioner to the General Assembly, without stating where it met, but goes on to say that he visited his mother at Bridgeport, Connecticut before returning home; and on June 14, 1830, married for his wife, Miss Sarah M. Hall of Bridgeport; and on the 4th of July they started by stage for Washington, Indiana. Their household goods did not arrive until December, although shipped in June. In 1830, as he was about to start to Synod, an exhausted deer ran into the yard of a neighbor from whom the pastor got ham of venison. The winter of 1831-32 was a hard one, and the preacher hauled through the snow his wood while suffering with toothache. Several of the church members spent a few days hunting and brought him wild game. One of them living 25 miles away brought him, in a four horse wagon, wheat, corn, potatoes, butter and dried fruit. In another congregation they brought him wheat. From still another congregation a member made him a bedstead. The neighborhood held a mock legislature in which a bill was introduced and passed against the traffic in liquor—providing for a fine against the saloon keeper for making drunk the head of a family, which fine should go to the drunkard's family on account of the "worst of evils that ever afflicted the human family." In the Fall of 1832, the preacher held an interesting communion at Carlisle and services continued for a week and the church took on a new life.

The Crawfordsville Presbytery was organized in 1830, and soon thereafter the Wabash Presbytery was named Vincennes—and included 16 counties, including Vigo and the North with 5 preachers in the Presbytery.

In the Spring of 1831, four of the Ministers agreed upon special services in their particular fields—at Indiana, Boonville, Evansville, Washington, Carlisle and Hopewell, visiting from house to house, preaching at night, and closing with a communion on the Sabbath.

The work of the spirit was especially manifested in the Hopewell Church 5 miles north of Merom, Sullivan County. Turman Creek was full from recent rains, and so they left their horses and crossed in a "troth," as did two young heroines a day or two after, from the Carlisle Church. Here good Father Balch had gathered a church and built a house of worship. In that sacred house he had prayed and preached, wept and rejoiced, leaning not on the top of his staff, but on the front of the pulpit. Hard by that "Bethel" they sorrowfully placed his large frame, but I fear no monument marks the place where they laid him.

Of the service at Hopewell, Mr. Hawley says: "The awakening was general," and that he never saw a revival where everybody was interested, and, when dismissed, at the close of the meetings, the people sat down and seemed to cleave to the consecrated place. Mr. Hawley goes on to say "That house is gone—that congregation has most all fallen asleep, but that glorious visitation is yet remembered."

Mr. Hawley says from Hopewell he and Reverend Martin went to Palestine, Illinois, where they held services in the open in the midst of which clouds thickened and rain fell and greatly disturbed the devotions, whereupon Mr. Martin prayed that the clouds might disperse and the rain cease, and the clouds did disperse and it rained not for the space of three hours and a half.

For five and a half years Mr. Hawley traveled 18,000 miles on horseback, preached more than 1000 times in 90 or more places; baptized 150 converts, received into the church from settled country 160, married 15 couples, officiated at many funerals and delivered many uplifting addresses. He is one of those who paved the way for Presbyterianism in Sullivan County.

The Reverend John M. McChord who preached in Sullivan in the early days of its history, who dedicated the first Presbyterian Church in Sullivan, deserves a special mention. He was educated at Hanover College. He preached in Knox County, as well as in Sullivan County. He later joined the Southern Branch of the Presbyterian Church and died in Texas in the 70's.

The Reverend William W. Martin was an early preacher in Sullivan County who came from Kentucky in 1818, preaching mostly at Landon and Paoli. He died in 1850.

Reverend John Fox was another worthy early-day preacher, who labored long and well in the country charges in Sullivan County—and throughout the Presbytery of Vincennes.

LOWER CLAIBORNE CHURCH

Claiborne is the name of a county in Tennessee from the neighborhood of which came the McGills in 1829—who organized the Presbyterian society, and called it the Claiborne Presbyterian Church. They held meetings for several years wherever they could get together; and then came James Crawford, in 1834, from the Hopewell Church, who held a series of meetings resulting in the erection of a log church on the site of the present church building; and, at the same time, a cemetery was established in the church yard—a death having occurred among the members. The original Elders were Thomas McGill and Adam Wilson. The log church was destroyed by fire in 1874. The present frame church building was dedicated in 1876. Present Elders are Samuel T. Curry, David E. Everhart, Oval Norris and John P. Curry.

Upper Claiborne, called "Salem"—10 miles north, was later organized to accommodate those who lived in that vicinity—namely: The Wallaces, Currys, Baldridges, the Browns, the Grants, the Johnsons, the Lyons and others. The Salem Church members dwindled to a few survivors, after several years, who went to Farmersburg where they reorganized in 1884 under the same name, and in 1895 changed the name to Farmersburg.

Claiborne Sunday School

Membership 75

Superintendent—John P. Curry.

Secretary—Evelyn Clarke.

Treasurer—Mrs. Rachel Everhart.

Teachers:

Primary—Edytha Clark.

Junior Girls—Sarah Ellen Fulford.

Boys and Young Men—John P. Curry.

Young Ladies—Lucile Lang.

Adults—D. E. Everhart.

THE JACKSON HILL CHURCH

A Mission Church under the auspices of the Lower Claiborne Church was organized in 1902 and flourished for several years at the Jackson Hill Mining Camp—a frame building of good proportions was built through popular subscription. A Sunday School was organized in connection therewith with Samuel R. Cole as Superintendent. The Church and Sunday School afforded valued services to the transients of the coal mines at that place, and the enterprise is worthy of mention in this history.

THE MEROM CHURCH

According to the records of Vincennes Presbytery, there was organized at Merom a Presbyterian society in 1840, which flourished, without a church building, for several years—up to 1853. Of this church, Robert Griffith was a ruling Elder and Clerk of the session. Upon disbandment Mr. Griffith became a charter member of the Sullivan Church and was its first Delegate to Presbytery.

The Sugar Grove Church, four miles or so East of Farmersburg, is the virtual successor of the Upper Clai-borne Church, and was established in 1888. The church has a register beginning with the year 1898. The principal members were: Mrs. Nancy Brown, wife of John K. Brown and the several Brown families of the neighborhood; the Burtons, Currys, Berlins, Halberstadts; the Baldridges and the McGills. The Present Elders are Homer Davis, John Halberstadt and Clement Hoggatt. The officers of the Sunday School are as follows: Homer Davis, Superintendent; Thomas Brunker, Assistant Superintendent; Clem Hoggatt, Treasurer; Miss Charity Lucas, Secretary; Miss Geneva Lucas, Assistant Secretary and Mrs. Flora Brown, Pianist. The teachers of the Sunday School are as follows: Mrs. Maude Self, Miss Catherine Davis, Mrs. Maude Davis, Thomas Brunker and Mrs. Flora Brown. The church itself has a cemetery antedating the church itself—which has an endowment to keep the cemetery in order. The church itself also has an endowment in aid of its support. The church maintains a Sunday School which has efficient Superintendence.

THE FARMERSBURG CHURCH

There was organized at Farmersburg in 1884 the Salem Church which changed to the Farmersburg Church in 1895—of which the Elders are H. A. Baldridge, Ray Heap, H. M. McNabb, J. H. Pittman and J. Hurley Drake. A successful Sunday School is connected with the church and has the following officers: Horace M. McNabb, Superintendent; T. P. Curry, Assistant Superintendent; Mrs. Blanche Fox, Secretary; George Edward Heap, Assistant Secretary; Harold Lash, Treasurer; Thurman S. McDonald, Chorister; and Mrs. Jeane Huntwork, Pianist. The teachers are Mrs. Harold Lash, Mrs. Thurman McDonald, Mrs. Herbert Watson, Mrs. Iva Baldridge, Mrs. Ralph Sharp, Mrs. Mary Thompson, Mrs. Clara Baldridge and J. Hurley Drake. Pastors which have served the church since its establishment are as follows:

Rev. J. P. Fox	Rev. Josephus Lathom
Rev. S. C. Bates	Rev. J. H. Parrott
Rev. B. E. Mays	Rev. A. F. McCracken
Rev. W. C. Harriott	Rev. James W. Condriff
Rev. J. E. Brown	Rev. Robert Griffin
Rev. A. G. Taylor	Rev. J. O. Ashburn
Rev. Turner Brashier	Rev. W. F. Smith
Rev. William Mackey	Rev. J. E. Jones
Rev. George L. Engler	

The present Pastor is William B. Bonham.

THE FIRST CHURCH OF SULLIVAN

In August, 1857, the first Presbyterian society of Sullivan was formed. The constituting Act is as follows:

"The Vincennes Presbytery deeming it expedient to organize a church in Sullivan, Sullivan County, Indiana, without any formal application from the membership of said place, appointed the following committee for that purpose, namely: Reverend Joseph W. Blythe and Brother John M. McCord, the former having taken unwell the duty was discharged by the latter." Agreeable to previous notice the following persons were organized into a church called the First Presbyterian Church of Sullivan in connection with the Presbytery of Vincennes, viz: John A. McKinney, Isaac H. McKinney, D. J. Hutchison, M. A. Hutchison, Mary F. McKinney, Eunice McKinney, James Barnes, Martha Barnes, Ellen H. Milam, Robert Griffith, M. P. Griffith, Margaret Alexander, Mary Shepherd, John Feon, Nancy Gray and Margaret A. McKinney. The church thus organized elected the following Elders, viz: Robert Griffith and Daniel J. Hutchison, who were ordained and installed. Robert Griffith was elected Clerk of the Session. In April, 1858, Reverend John L. Martin appears as Moderator of the Session. There being no record of his installation as pastor of the church he was doubtless here to preach for the time.

In October, John J. Thompson and Isaac H. McKinney were added to the Eldership, and D. J. Hutchison was elected Clerk of the Session.

There seems to have been no regular preaching service, yet Reverend S. Gilmor came to a meeting of the session, from time to time in 1860 and 61, and sat as Moderator.

Deed to Church Lots Recorded March 17, 1862.
Recorded in Deed Record R 17, Page 122.

The Church lot is at the northeast intersection of Main and Beach Street in Sullivan, Indiana.

This Indenture Witnesseth:

That we John J. Thompson and Mary A. Thompson his wife, of Sullivan County in the State of Indiana, convey and warrant to John H. Wilson, Daniel J. Hutchison, Z. A. Foote, James Kelly and J. A. McKinney, Trustees of 1st Presbyterian Church in Sullivan, and their successors in office, of Sullivan County, in the State of Indiana, for for the sum of Three Hundred and fifty (dollars) the following real estate in Sullivan County in the State of Indiana, to wit:

"Lots Number one and two (1 & 2) and the south half of Lot No. three (3) in Reed and Rileys subdivision of the south half of out Lot No. four (4) in the town of Sullivan, as numbered on the recorded plat of said subdivision."

In witness whereof the said John J. Thompson and Mary A. Thompson, his wife, have hereunto set their hands and seals this 9th day of December, 1861.

JOHN J. THOMPSON,
MARY A. THOMPSON.

HENRY K. WILSON, *Auditor.*

STATE OF INDIANA }
SULLIVAN COUNTY } 88.
}

Before me Robert K. Hamill, a Recorder in and for said County this ninth day of December, 1861, came John J. Thompson, and Mary A. Thompson, his wife acknowledged the execution of the annexed deed.

Witness my hand and official seal.

ROBERT K. HAMILL, R. S. C. (*Seal*)
By cash sixty-five cents.

In June 1862, Mr. Gilmor came again and probably preached to the congregation. It appears that the War of the Rebellion having come about, there was not again a session meeting until May 6, 1865, when the session met at the church.

In 1888, a pipe-organ was installed with Mrs. Perry H. Blue, organist and choir leader.

It also appears that about the beginning of the war, a contract for the erection of a church building had been let, and that the contractors suspended work on the building which led to definite subscriptions to the building fund.

The proposed preacher	\$ 100.00
Subscriptions	1700.00
Presbyterian Loan	500.00

by which the contractors completed the building which became occupied being supplied with planks for seats, and a box-like form for the pulpit. Reverend John Montgomery was engaged as pastor but temporarily.

On November 5, 1865, John Harvey Wilson and Zibe Fote were added to the Eldership. The church house was now furnished and the house dedicated by John M. McChord.

On April 3, 1866, a delegate to Presbytery, to be held at Princeton, was chosen. At this meeting of Presbytery the moderator approved the minutes of the session—but noted that "No minutes until this submission since 1862," was offered for approval by Presbytery.

In October, 1867, Rev. Montgomery again appears as moderator of the session, and preached to the congregation, and is followed by S. N. D. Martin in January, 1869.

On February 25, 1872, Barnett Saucerman is elected, ordained and installed an elder, as is also George Goodwyn at the same time and the Reverend J. S. Robertson begins

as Pastor. Reverend Robertson retired from the pulpit, May 6, 1876. He is followed by Reverend J. H. Meteer, who resigned March 31, 1889. In June, 1877—Rotation of Elders was adopted, as follows;

J. H. Wilson and George Goodwin, Elders for 3 years; Isaac H. McKinney and Wm. G. Young for 2 years and Zibe Foote and W. W. Johnson for 1 year, and George Goodwin was elected clerk of the session which office he held for 50 years. On July 3, 1881, Thomas Campbell was elected Elder. In March, 1884, Murray Briggs was elected Elder to succeed Thomas Campbell, deceased. In May, 1885, John C. Chaney was elected Elder to succeed Wm. G. Young, who dimitted from the church. In June, 1889, Rev. J. A. Bartlett was chosen pastor for one year. In November, 1890, Rev. Montgomery again was chosen for Pastor which closed in September 1, 1893. In November, 1893, Reverend Wm. A. Cutler began his pastorate and resigned January, 1896. On March 3, 1896, Rev. Thom. G. Smith was engaged as Pastor for one year. January 17, 1897, George R. Dutton was elected Elder to succeed Murray Briggs, deceased. In January, 1898, Robert Carrithers was elected Elder.

February 26, 1899, Walter N. Thompson was elected to succeed his father John J. Thompson, deceased. July 23, 1899, Reverend A. W. Sonne was installed as Pastor and resigned ~~July 23, 1899~~. On August 2, 1902, Reverend John C. E. Fry was installed Pastor. January 22, 1902, John T. Hays was elected and ordained an Elder. On account of illness Mr. Fry was granted six weeks vacation, February 14, 1904, and Reverend Montgomery engaged to preach in his absence. Mr. Fry resigned December 11, 1904. In January 1905, Reverend J. H. Sammis was installed Pastor and resigned January 5, 1909. On April 18, 1910, David Crawley was elected and installed as an Elder of the Church. In May, 1907, plans were formed to build a new church, the cornerstone of which was laid July, 1908.

The following matters and things were placed in the cornerstone to wit:

1. History of the Sullivan Church prepared by Rev. Montgomery, who resides in Sullivan.
2. Picture of the old church.
3. A list of the officers of the church from its organization.
4. A list of officers of the Sunday School.
5. Names of Members of the Willing-Workers.
6. Names of the contributors to the new church.
7. Names of the Executives of the Nation, State, County and City of Sullivan.
8. Copies of Newspapers of the County and also the Indianapolis News.
9. Officers of the Christian Endeavor Society of the Church.

The church was dedicated in 1908, by Rev. George Knox.

May 7, 1902

October 10, 1909, E. G. Carrithers, elected Elder to succeed his deceased father. April 12, 1911, J. C. Shields elected Elder. April 18, 1909, John H. McArthur installed as Pastor who resigned May 7, 1913.

August, 1913, Reverend Wm. E. Gray was installed Pastor and resigned July, 1930.

On May 29, 1916, Charles H. Snavely was elected Elder to succeed J. C. Shields who had removed from Sullivan. April 5, 1920, Will H. Hays was elected and installed Elder to succeed his father, deceased, and J. Harvey Crowder, was also at the same time elected an Elder—there being ordered an increase to 6 in the number of Elders.

On April 22, 1923, D. W. Shuck was duly elected and installed as Elder. In March, 1926, that there might be a representative of the boys of the church, E. D. Maple was chosen as a new Elder who deceased, and in March, 1929, Malcolm Campbell was duly chosen to succeed Elder Maple.

On December 20, 1930, Reverend Jack Masters was duly installed Pastor of the church, his service to begin January 1, 1931. Mr. Masters is now rendering satisfactory service as its Pastor.

The Sunday School is flourishing under the superintendence of Elder Malcolm Campbell.

The Ministry of Music, under the direction of Mrs. Elizabeth Crowder, and Mrs. Jeanette Billman Weruz, as organist is rendered to the entire satisfaction of Pastor and congregation.

An efficient agency of Presbyterian activity in the county is the Sullivan County Presbyterian Men's Club, organized March 3, 1931, which holds its meetings quarterly at Sullivan and Farmersburg alternately,—through which sociability and acquaintance is fostered, and programmes of work are formed and adopted.

The present officers and committees of the church are as follows:

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In 1870, a Sunday School, under the direction of the church, was organized and has functioned every year since. Elder Malcolm Campbell is Superintendent and Elder Charles H. Snavely, Assistant-Superintendent. Lucy Cassle, Secretary; Maurice Thompson, Treasurer; Charles Hays, Librarian; M. C. Small, Scout Master. The Men's Bible Class is taught by Elder John C. Chaney, with Walter C. Criss as Assistant Teacher. The President of the class is Walter C. Criss, and M. J. Marks is Secretary.

The Women's Bible Class is taught by Mrs. May Carrithers with Miss Maude McConnell as Assistant. The Westminster Class is taught by Mrs. Lucile Durham. Other Teachers are: Mrs. Small, Mrs. Fannie Crawford, Mrs. Justine Barco and Miss Emily Louise Smith and the Rev. Jack Masters. Mr. Masters is building up a fine class of young men.

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